

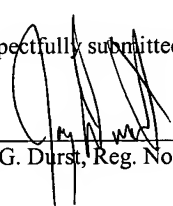
REMARKS

Entry of the above amendments is respectfully requested. Claims 16-24 and 27-52 have been cancelled. Claims 1-15, 25 and 26 are pending in the application. In view of the present cancellations and the below remarks, formal allowance of this application is believed to be in order and the same is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments that could expedite the completion of prosecution of this case, he is invited to contact the undersigned at the number below.

No fees are believed to be due in connection with this Reply. Nonetheless, the Director is authorized to direct any additional fees associated with this or any other communication, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 50-1170.

Respectfully submitted,



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